

**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

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Dear Dr. **Seligman**:

I **appreciate** your willingness to work with the Embassy to **agrec** on new dates for the annual **Rcpublic** of the **Marshall** Islands (**RMI**)/ **Department** of Energy '(DOE) meeting after canceling **the** originally scheduled meeting in **Honolulu**, Hawaii on May 2-3, 2001. In particular, I want **to** thank you for our telephone conversation during which you offered several scheduling options in addition **to** the May 22-23 dates proposed in your letter of April 11. As I mentioned, local events take up a lot of time toward the end of May, which makes travel outside of the islands difficult.

**RMI** participants are available to **meet** on June 12-13 as proposed by you. In terms of cost-effectiveness for those traveling **from** the **Marshalls**, it would be ideal if the meeting could be held in Honolulu as originally planned. I **realize that** your schedule may **make** a Honolulu meeting somewhat **difficult**. Please do not **hesitate** to let me know if **that** is the case,

Whether the **meeting** is held in Honolulu or **D.C.**, I look forward to the participation of DOE contractors, Pacific Health Research Institute (**PHRI**) and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories (LLNL), at the meeting. The RMI considers it essential for representatives from these organizations to be a part of the dialogue.

Again, thank you for being **flexible with the** new schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Banny deBrum'.

Banny deBrum  
Ambassador to the United States

cc: See Attached **List**

cc: The Honorable Michael **Senko**, US. Ambassador to the Marshall Islands  
The Honorable Alvin T. Jacklick, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
The Honorable Gerald **Zackios**, **Minister** in Assistance to the President  
The Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, **Chairman**, Senate Energy **Committee**  
The Honorable Jeff **Bingaman**, **Ranking** Member, Senate Energy **Committee**  
**The** Honorable Daniel K. **Akaka**., Senate **Energy Committee**  
**The** Honorable Daniel **K. Inouye**, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable James V. Hansen, Chairman, House Resources Committee  
The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, **II**, **Ranking Member**, House Resources Committee  
The Honorable Don Young, House Resources **Committee**  
The Honorable George Miller, House Resources **Committee**  
The Honorable Robert **Underwood**, **House** Resources Committee  
The **Honorable Eni Faleomavaega**, House Resources Committee  
Allen **Stayman**, U.S. **Department of State**  
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**Nik Pula**, U.S. **Department of the Interior**  
Lt. Col. Peter **Ipsen**, Department of Defense  
The Honorable **Abacca Anjain-Maddison**, Senator, Rongelap  
**The** Honorable **James** Marayoshi, Mayor, Rongelap  
The Honorable Hiroshi **Yamamura**, **Senator, Utrik**  
The Honorable Joe Saul, Mayor, **Utrik**  
**The** Honorable Tomaki **Juda**, Senator, Bikini  
The Honorable **Eldon** Note, Mayor, Bikini  
The Honorable **Ishmael** John, Senator, **Enewetak**  
**The** Honorable **Neptali** Peter, Mayor, **Enewetak**  
The Honorable Oscar **deBrum**, Nuclear Claims Tribunal